



Pests and Pesticides in Child-serving Facilities: An IPM Newsletter

UT Extension to Hold School IPM Regional Workshops on April 25 and May 15, 2014



The University of Tennessee Extension is encouraging all schools in Tennessee to adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) program in accordance with the National PMSP's (Pest Management Strategic Plan) call for all the nation's schools to be using IPM by 2015. IPM is a common sense approach to pest management that emphasizes the use of low risk but effective means to suppress pests. Children are more vulnerable to pesticides because their organ systems have not reached developmental maturity. Because children spend considerable time at school, they increase their risk of pesticide exposure if pesticides have been applied in a manner inconsistent with IPM. Pests pose risks from venomous bites, disease transmission, and allergic responses and may disrupt the learning environment. School IPM programs aim to reduce and balance risks from pests and pesticides to school occupants and the environment.

We would like to invite representatives (director of schools, custodial staff, facilities supervisor, grounds staff, kitchen staff, maintenance supervisors, and the pest management professional) from your school system to attend one of the following workshops from 1:30 - 3 pm at:

**April 25 Clinton Middle School or
May 15 Doyle Elementary.**

Be watching for your email invitation. Come learn from personnel at schools that are implementing IPM! More information will be posted at

<http://schoolipm.utk.edu/training.html>

Special points of interest:

- > Regional School IPM Workshops April 25 and May 15, 2014
- > EPA School Indoor Air Quality Webinar April 8
- > Tick Webinar April 4

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If you've missed Regional IPM Workshops in the past, now's your chance. Attend one of the workshops at Clinton Middle School April 25 or Doyle Elementary May 15!

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Upcoming Webinars

Be a School IAQ Detective: Using the Walkthrough to Identify and Solve Common IAQ Problems

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST.

Do you know what to look for when observing the condition of your school buildings? Join IAQ experts Richard Prill from Washington State University (Retired) and David Blake from the Northwest Clean Air Agency on a virtual school walkthrough, providing you with a comprehensive and effective process for identifying, diagnosing and solving common IAQ issues.

This webinar is offered at no cost to participants.

Register today at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/239297410>.





All Bugs Good and Bad 2014 Webinar Series



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Get **TickSmart**: 10 Things
to Know, 5 Things to Do

April 4, 2014
2:00 PM EST

Dr. Thomas N. Mather

Please join us for this webinar series for information you can use about good and bad insects. Webinars will be on the first Friday of each month at 2:00 PM EST.

In this webinar, learn ten things you must know and five things you should do about the blacklegged tick. The Get **TickSmart** campaign hopes to fast-track your access to knowledge and resources that empower you to be proactive and protected. This webinar will be presented by Dr. Thomas N. Mather, Professor & Director, Center for Vector-Borne Disease and TickEncounter Resource Center, University of Rhode Island and moderated by Shawn Banks, Extension Agent Agriculture-Horticulture, NC State University Cooperative Extension.

For connection information, visit: <https://learn.extension.org/events/1370>.

For more information on the series visit:
<http://www.extension.org/pages/70120>.



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NATIONAL IPM INFORMATION
 eXtension's Pest Management In and Around Structures: Urban Integrated Pest Management
<http://www.extension.org/Urban%20Integrated%20Pest%20Management>

National School IPM
schoolipm.ifas.ufl.edu/

IPM in Schools Texas
<http://schoolipm.tamu.edu/>

IPM Institute of North America
www.ipminstitute.org/

School IPM PMSP—all schools IPM by 2015
http://www.ipminstitute.org/school_ipm_2015.htm

National Pest Management Association IPM
http://www.whatisipm.org/schools_IPM.asp

EPA schools
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/>

For further information about the IPM program at your school or in your county, contact your county Extension Agent or the school IPM Coordinator. For county agent contact information, please visit <https://utextension.tennessee.edu/Pages/offices.aspx>

Precautionary Statement

To protect people and the environment, pesticides should be used safely. This is everyone's responsibility, especially the user. Read and follow label directions carefully before you buy, mix, apply, store or dispose of a pesticide. According to laws regulating pesticides, they must be used only as directed by the label.

Disclaimer

This publication contains pesticide recommendations that are subject to change at any time. The recommendations in this publication are provided only as a guide. It is always the pesticide applicator's responsibility, by law, to read and follow all current label directions for the specific pesticide being used. The label always takes precedence over the recommendations found in this publication.

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